

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

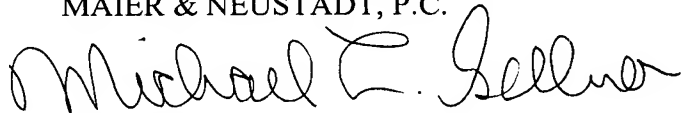
Reconsideration of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) is respectfully requested. In the Notice, it was asserted that Claims 2-4, 6-12, 14-17, 20 and 22-31 included an incorrect status identifier (i.e. Currently Amended) because no such amendments were seen.

Reference is made, as an example, to Claim 2 line 1, wherein a comma has been added after "1". Similar amendments have been made to the other claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Notice be reconsidered and withdrawn. In a brief telephone conference on January 29, 2010, after the presence of the added commas was pointed out to the examiner, she indicated that she had overlooked them.

An early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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